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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6536**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 176

**DATE PREPARED:** Nov 29, 2001

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Emergency Medical Services Commission Fees.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
X DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill allows the Emergency Medical Services Commission to adopt rules to set certification fees and creates a fund to receive the fees. The bill also makes an appropriation.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2002.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:** Under current law, individuals performing emergency medical services and businesses providing emergency medical services must be certified. Certification, however, is currently issued without cost. This bill would establish the Emergency Medical Services Fund to provide funds for defraying the personal services expense, other operating, and capital expenses of the Emergency Medical Services Commission and for the expenses incurred by the state agency administering the fund and the Commission. The source of revenue for this fund would be certification fees established by the Commission for emergency medical services providers and personnel. To the extent that the Emergency Medical Services Commission currently receives State General Fund dollars, expenditures of the State General Fund could be reduced.

*Example* - According to the minutes of the Emergency Medical Services Commission meeting on September 13, 2001, there are 674 certified providers and 16,398 certified personnel. The budget of the Commission and its supporting agency are unavailable. However, there is some information available for other health care professional boards. Although the exact budget of each health care professional board is not available, the boards expend between \$100,000 and \$200,000 each for the salaries of the staff supporting the board. Assuming that the Emergency Medical Services Commission will require a similar amount of staff services and that all other board operating and capital outlay costs would require an additional \$300,000 a year, costs for the Emergency Medical Services Fund could be estimated at \$500,000 a year. For example, if the providers were to pay about twice as much as the personnel for certification and the Commission sets fees

to cover expenditures only, fees of \$57 for providers and \$28.50 for personnel could generate about \$500,000.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Building and Fire Safety, Emergency Medical Services Commission.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** State Personnel Table, Emergency Medical Services Commission Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2001.